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Re: Application No. 10/629,415

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Attached are the following documents:

Amendment Transmittal (2 pages)  
Amendment (11 pages)  
Petition for Extension of Time (1 page)

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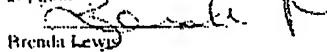
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Todd R. BURKEY  
 Appl. No. : 10/629,415  
 Filed : July 29, 2003  
 Title : METHOD, APPARATUS AND PROGRAM  
 STORAGE DEVICE FOR DYNAMICALLY  
 RESIZING MIRRORED VIRTUAL DISKS IN  
 A RAID STORAGE SYSTEM

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

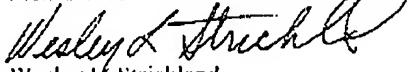
No additional fee is required.  
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
 Also attached: Petition for Extension of Time.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|                                     | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE     | Fee      |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Total Claims                        | 16            | 16                          | 0            | \$50.00  | \$0.00   |
| Independent Claims                  | 6             | 6                           | 0            | \$200.00 | \$0.00   |
| Fee for two month extension of time |               |                             |              |          | \$450.00 |
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Respectfully submitted,  
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